

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please REPLACE the following paragraphs as follows:

[0026] [FIGS. 10A and 10B are] FIG. 10 is a exemplary table[s] showing the data structure that can be used in the advertisement and simulation information within the employee information apparatus of FIG. 1;

[0027] [FIG. 11 is an] FIGS. 11A and 11B are exemplary tables showing a data structure of an information verification portion of an employee information apparatus and method in accordance with the embodiments of the present invention;